UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.38/Rev.1
2 September 1991

Original: ENGLISH

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
Third session
Geneva, 12 August-4 September 1991
Working Group I
Agenda item 5

ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Options for Agenda 21

Revised draft decision proposed by the Chairman

The Preparatory Committee,

Having regard to the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the Environmentally Sound Management of Biotechnology (A/CONF.151/PC/67) and on the Options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/42/Add.5),

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to transmit the Chairman's Summary and Proposals for Action (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.30), suitably represented as an amendment to A/CONF.151/PC/42/Add.5 to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Biological Diversity;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, without pre-empting or duplicating the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to follow the work of that Committee and to keep it informed of the interconnections between relevant aspects of biotechnology and other environment and development issues as they emerged from the UNCED process, in particular the elaboration in Agenda 21;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to take into consideration the views expressed at the third session of the Preparatory Committee and the proposals submitted by Governments in the elaboration of Agenda 21 on the Environmentally Sound Management of Biotechnology, for consideration at its fourth session, recalling the programme areas in paragraph 12 of A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.30:

Programme A - Increase plant and animal productivity

Programme B - Promote improved human health

Programme C - Environmental protection

Programme D - Enhance safety and develop international mechanisms for cooperation

Programme E - Enabling mechanisms for the environmentally sound application of biotechnology

as well as the proposal on the programme for the generation and transfer of biotechnologies and their sustainable use in the developing countries (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.26). Additional submissions by Governments should be made available to the secretariat not later than 7 October 1991;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to integrate in the proposals under paragraph 3 above, provisions for the means of implementation in accordance with the general decision of the Preparatory Committee on Agenda 21;

5. Agrees that the question of the relationship between biotechnology and biological diversity will be considered again at its fourth session;

6. Decides to revert to the issues covered by this session for final consideration at its fourth session.